

NEWSPAPERS OF LONG AGO

The Local Daily Press Evolved from Small Resources of Early Publishers.

How the Telegraphic News Service Was Once Obtained by the Night Editor, Who Even Then Considered His Lot a Hard One.

Most of the readers of the Journal know that its name was substituted for the original name of "Western Censor and Emigrants' Guide," Jan. 11, 1835, by John Douglass, State printer, who came with the State capital from Corydon the fall before, and soon after bought the weekly, or occasional, rather, paper of the late Douglass Maguire and Harvey Gregg, its originators and proprietors for a little less than two years. For sixty-five years, nearly, the Journal has held its name and its foremost place in the State press. The Sentinel started Jan. 22, 1832, as the Indianapolis Gazette, retained its name till the fall of 1830, when Alexander F. Morrison, who had made a start with a new paper, called the "Democrat," the preceding spring, bought the pioneer of the capital press, consolidated it with the other and gave the new name to the compound. It remained till the summer of '41, when the Chapman, of Terre Haute, got it, enlarged it, started it briskly forward on the way to national fame and influence, and called it the Sentinel. With a short lapse into the "Herald" it has been the "Sentinel" for forty-eight years.

Both papers published only weekly or semi-weekly editions for the first twenty years of their existence. The Sentinel was the first to break out of the old road into a freshly "blazed," untrodden daily trail, Dec. 1, 1851, a significant indication of the enterprise of the Chapman brothers. The next winter the Journal followed in the same path, and thenceforward both papers published daily editions during the sessions of the Legislature, then annual, till 1852. In 1850 the constitutional convention met, and appointed an official reporter to make an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the body. This was to be published every day. Austin H. Brown and his father, Congressman W. J. Brown, had then possession of the Sentinel. Austin was appointed official printer of the convention, and being unable, without a good deal of expense, to publish the daily reports of the convention's proceedings, he arranged with the late John D. Defrees, proprietor of the Journal, to do it. There began the permanent daily of Indianapolis. The Journal stood alone till the 25th of April, 1851. Then the Sentinel, under the Brown administration, began a permanent daily edition.

This little sketch of the evolution of the Indianapolis daily press is necessary to a full understanding of the conditions under which this now important element of social culture, political intelligence and prosperous business began its struggle for development. The telegraph was two or three years old here, used a little for publication news, and not at all for news—except for a short time after its introduction—and our railways were still on the way from the cradle to barbed wire. Market reports were a less consideration with editors and publishers than editorial paragraphs and apt leading articles. City editor, or, in that case, as it was then called, got about as much attention as corn-meal did on the old Tennessee farm, where the crop was all made into whisky except a little that was wasted in bread. No attempt was made to publish in the morning the occurrences of the night before, and as little was done in reporting speeches, lectures or proceedings of public meetings, even when publication was deferred till the second day. Market reports were cut from the Cincinnati evening papers, which reached here, after we had completed railway connection, in time for a close-trimmed selection to be "set up" and be put through for morning. Sometimes general, and especially foreign, news thus came to us by, but little behind its time by regular wire delivery.

The event of the year was the delivery of the President's message. Indianapolis was not regarded as a place of importance enough to be entitled to an "advance copy," and sometimes bigger cities were left to the telegraph, which made wide work of those days. Her daily papers had little chance of getting secret or unsuspected advantages. Their contest for the first place in getting the message out was usually a square up and down contest of "case" and "press." Once the Journal was given a big send-off by Uncle Sam Meredith—father of the Capital Meredith, head of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and grandfather of the young poet, Meredith Nicholson—when he was the Adams Express messenger. Being an old printer, he knew all the moves on the board, and on his way here with his "run" from Cincinnati he cut up the message into handy "takes," all duly numbered, and ready for the "hook" and the "case" the moment they entered the composing room. This put the Journal's messages on the street a full quarter of an hour ahead of the Sentinel.

The Journal in the summer of 1854, during the closing months of Mr. Defrees' administration, began to reform in the local or city department. The Council proceedings of the night were reported next morning. So were those of public meetings, and speeches were sketched with fullness enough to give some idea of their spirit and methods of treatment. Telegraphic news of the Crimean war was appropriated from the Cincinnati evening papers and rearranged; sometimes rewritten and put in intelligible shape. In the fall, after the siege of Sebastopol began, the public interest in the war news grew so general and strong that the papers had to get such telegraphic reports as they could, and that was very indifferent. The steamers "boarded" by the yacht of the Associated Press off Cape Race, brought voluminous, but often ill-arranged reports, and these were not always correct and properly arranged by the agents on the steamer. That was the work of the really over-worked editor, who often had no help, and made up all his "leading" matter, his mail gatherings, his market reports, himself, and then at midnight had to go to the telegraph office and hear John Wallick or Coleman Wilson read off the dispatches from the long strips of the Morse recorder, and write it all down for the printers. If confined, as the various foreign dispatches always were, more or less, the tired editor had to rewrite them in better order. It was not till the close of the Crimean war, or later, that the telegraph office began supplying the press with "mainfold" dispatches, and it was about the same time that Coleman Wilson began the great telegraphic reform of receiving reports by "sound," and dispensing with the interminable tape-line of the recorder.

Until the city dailies began getting telegraphic dispatches there was not much regard given to the time of "going to the press." One time was as good as another, when there was plenty of time in any case, and the reader cared a little for the hour and minute of his dispatch if it was all right on the day. So the Journal sometimes went to press before bed-time on the preceding night, and sometimes about breakfast time on the day of publication. This carelessness led on to one of the best jokes that ever fell on or crawled over a paper anywhere.

Saturday the "news hands" and "jobs" all wanted to take Sunday for a picnic or some such diversion, and committed Mr. Sulgrave, the editor, who consented to the arrangement, which would clear up the work for Monday's paper on Saturday evening, when the press-work could follow at once, and nothing would need to be done then except to have the edition handy for the printing clerk and carriers. So said, so done. But some express man got hold of one of these premature Monday papers on Saturday night in time to take it down to Cincinnati, where it appeared on the tables of the half-dozen morning and evening editors, and elicited a swarm of compliments to the enterprise of the Indianapolis press, which not only published the news daily but anticipated it, and gave its readers on Sunday what other papers could not have.

Monday, it is a fact that the first of the green young editor got his first lesson in the profound philosophy of "leading and hearing it" in that incident. When the Journal passed into the hands of the new proprietors, the first "Journal" the new proprietors had pretty much obliterated the ante-diluvian reminiscences that it is ranked with weeklies. It had been restricted to the columns of new matter—editorial, reprint and news—day, and it had in the spring of 1854, after four hundred

readers. It changed with nearly one thousand readers and a pretty lively reproduction of the passing times.

New bedroom sets at Wm. L. Elder's.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' excursion to Warsaw, Saturday, Aug. 24. The excursion of the season, round-trip tickets, costing only \$2, includes a steamboat ride, a ride on the Switch-back railroad, visit to the Cyclorama of the Battle of Lookout Mountain and other attractions. Full brass band accompanies the excursion. Tickets on sale at South Meridian-street houses and railway ticket offices.

The best straw hats at 50 cents each, to close out stock. NEW YORK HAT COMPANY.

Seasonable and Comfortable.

Flannel shirts, bathing suits and all the midsummer paraphernalia of cool under-dress and neckwear, at Paul Krause's, 44 and 46 East Washington street.

Wanted, metal pattern-makers. Address SWEET & CLARK COMPANY, Marion, Ind.

Full Style Hats

NOW READY AT Seaton's Hat Store, 25 North Pennsylvania street.

It is a fact that we are making very low prices on "ALASKA" Refrigerators to close out the few we have left. It will pay to see at you visit a Refrigerator. We have the best "Natural-gas" Stoves in the city. "Quick-Meat" Gasoline Stoves. W. H. BENNETT & SONS, 28 South Meridian St.

PIANO CLEARANCE SALE

Second-Hand and Shop-Worn

PIANOS

Within the next few days we will sell the following-named Pianos at a sacrifice, in order to make room for our fall stock.

THEY MUST BE SOLD

and parties who intend buying an instrument should not lose this excellent opportunity for a bargain.

SQUARE PIANOS.

One CHICKERING PIANO. One DECKER BROS. PIANO. One HAINES BROS. PIANO. One EVERETT PIANO. One C. D. PEASE & CO. PIANO. One VALLEY GEM PIANO. One SHOMAKER PIANO. One D. MORRIS PIANO. One HORACE WATERS PIANO. One LEMUEL GILBERT PIANO. Two WOODWARD BROWN PIANOS. One A. J. KEOUGH PIANO. One GILBERT PIANO, with Organ attachment.

UPRIGHT PIANOS.

One GILBERT & CO. PIANO. One STUYVESANT PIANO. Two WEIDENSLAHER PIANOS. One NEW ENGLAND PIANO.

Prices Ranging from \$30 Upwards.

Most of these Pianos have been thoroughly repaired and in good condition. Easy payments if desired.

A few shop-worn and second-hand Organs at equally low prices.

EMIL WULSCHNER,

STATE AGENT FOR

Steinway and Henry F. Miller Pianos,

424 & 44 N. Pennsylvania St.,

Opposite Postoffice.

REDUCED PRICES

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

Parasols, Lace and Embroidered Flouncings, Summer Underwear, Hosiery, etc., etc.

WM. HÆRLE'S,

4 West Washington St.

REDUCED PRICES.

THE

New York Furniture Co.

Will open, at No. 40 South Meridian street, Aug. 15, with a full line of

Furniture, Carpets and Stoves,

to be sold on payments or cash, at the very lowest prices.

One half square south of Washington street.

CHEAP BOOKS.

Mosses from an Old Manse. Hawthorne. 50c
John Ward, Preacher. Margaret Deland. 50c
The Story of a Slave. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. 50c
But Yet a Woman. Arthur S. Hardy. 50c
That Frenchman. Archibald C. Gunter. 50c
The Scarlet Letter. Hawthorne. 50c
The Hidden Hand. Mrs. Emma Southworth. 50c
The Blind Man. 50c
His Wife or His Widow. 50c
Sent by mail, free of postage, on receipt of price.
CATHART, CLELAND & CO., 26 E. Washington St.

The New York Store

(ESTABLISHED 1853.)

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— IN —

FOURTEEN DEPARTMENTS

Cloaks and Shawls.

Boots and Shoes.

Laces and Embroideries, Etc.

Yarns and Fancy Goods.

Prints. Hosiery.

Gloves.

Gents' Furnishings.

All Underwear.

Muslin Underwear.

Corsets. Lace Curtains.

Linens. Domestics.

SALE BEGINS MONDAY.

In a few days the carpenters will begin the work of altering all the fixtures of the above-named departments. This is made absolutely necessary in consequence of a change to be made in the location of several of the departments, and because many of them are too small to accommodate the stocks and business.

We can make the changes much easier by a large reduction in stock, and this we propose to do by asking your special patronage at this time at a great reduction in prices.

Our experience teaches us that people will buy whenever we make it for their interest. We have been studying how best to serve our customers in this effort to reduce the stock in these several departments, and have concluded that

A GRAND REDUCTION

— OF —

ONE-TENTH in PRICES

IN EACH OF THE

FOURTEEN DEPARTMENTS

Will give our patrons an excellent

line of bargains and accomplish for us the desired object, thus making it for each other's mutual advantage. It is well known that

ALL OF OUR PRICES

Are marked in plain figures. Everyone can see the figures and get at the price of every piece of goods in our store.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

We shall sell all goods in the above-named departments at

ONE-TENTH LESS

— THAN THE —

MARKED PRICES.

You can see just how much you have saved by noticing the amount that will be taken off of the amount of your bill.

By purchasing now in any of the above-named thirteen departments you can SAVE JUST TEN PER CENT.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

Special bargains may be found at marked special prices.

FALL GOODS

Are now arriving and placed in our basement. They will be found in their respective departments as soon as our contemplated alterations are completed.

PRICES ALWAYS IN PLAIN FIGURES.

PETTIS, BASSETT & CO

C O M M I N G

Almost every day. Shipments of our new stock of

FALL GOODS.

Every department already crowded, and still more coming. Prices very interesting. Read the following list of bargains and call and see the new display.

DRESS GOODS.

This week we have added new lines to our already large and handsome display. Dress Goods in all colors at 5c. Wool Cashmeres at 10c. Double-fold Wool Cashmeres at 12 1/2c. Double-fold Henriettas at 25c. Double-fold all-wool Sackings at 25c. French all-wool Henriettas at 50c. Novelties in Plaids and Stripes at 25c to 75c. Black Henriettas, special values at 25, 35, 45, 50, 65, 75c and \$1. Black Silk-warp Henriettas at \$1.

PLUSHES, SATINS, SURAHs AND DRESS GIMPS. Plushes, every new shade in stock, at 48c. Fancy Plushes at 39c. Satin Moires at 50c. Surahs at 50c. Velvets, Velvet-cens and Satins. Elegant new line Silk Gimps at 25c. Silk Girdles, every shade, at 50c. New styles Black Dress Trimmings, from 25c per yard up. New Dress Buttons to match every shade out, at 5c per dozen and up.

LINENS.

This department has just been replenished with a large stock of new goods, among which are some of the biggest bargains ever seen. Loom Dice Table Linens at 16c. Half Bleached Damask at 25 to 60c. Red Damask at 19, 25, 35, 40 and 50c. Red Damask, special quality, at 25c. Bleached Damask at 35c and up. Towels at 3c; better at 5, 7, 8, 10, 12 1/2c. Novelties in Towels at 20 and 25c. New Crash at 15c. Turkish Towels at 5c. Turkish Fides at 15c. Napkins and Doilies, new and cheap.

FELT AND PLUSH GOODS.

Ten days ago we opened a lot of the above goods, and to-day we have placed another lot of them on sale. Embroidered Scarfs at 50c. Embroidered Lambrequins at 75c. Lambrequins at 25c per yard. Lambrequins, real new styles, at 35 to 75c per yard. Fleece Printed Covers, handsome, at 50c. New Furniture Fringes, 10 to 50c.

DOMESTICS AND WOOLENS.

New Prints, New Muslins, New Gingham, New Sheetings. Cassimere for Men's wear at 25c to \$1 per yard; all new goods. Cottonades at 12 1/2c and up. White Donet Flannels at 8c. Fine White and Gray Flannels at 25c. Fine Royal Plaid and Striped Flannels at 35c. Cotton Flannels at 5c per yard.

BIG BARGAINS.

Gold-head Umbrellas at 75c. Jerseys, coat back, at 47c. Blouses at 39c. Waists at 19c. Gloves at 10c. Hosiery at 5c. Ribbons at 2c. Handkerchiefs at 1c. Notions and Small Wares—full and complete stock at low prices.

DEDERT & SUDBROCK

158 and 160 East Washington Street.

LOANS AT 6 PER CENT

MONEY PROMPTLY FURNISHED ON APPROVED Indianapolis real estate, in sums of \$1,000 and upwards. Apply to

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GATES BLENDED JAVA COFFEE

Is the Cream of all the Pack-age Coffees.

For sale by leading grocers. We ask you to try it.

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EASTMAN, SCHLEICHER & LEE,
CARPETS, DRAPERIES, WALL-PAPER,
The Largest House in the State

SULLIVAN-GROHS CO.

LAST WEEK OF THE GREAT DISSOLUTION SALE BARGAINS. BARGAINS. BARGAINS.

This will be the Banner Week in Cheap Dry Goods. The Last and Dearest Cut Before Invoicing on the 15th of August. Another Crushing, Sweeping Sale of Every Article in Our House. Come you all and buy Goods at one-fourth Cost Price. Special.

10 pieces 46-inch Black Henrietta at 49c; worth 75c.
10 pieces 46-inch Black Henrietta at 75c; worth \$1.
5 pieces 6-4 Black All-wool Serge at \$1.10; worth \$1.75.
5 pieces 6-4 Black Habit Cloth at 49c; worth 50c.
20 pieces Black and Colored Failles at 93c; worth \$1.50.
10 pieces Black and Colored Rhadames at 79c; worth \$1.25.
30 pieces Union-colored Henrietta Cloth, 36 inches wide, only 14c. Has been sold for 25c.
10 pieces Hawthorn Cloth, in gray mixtures only, 54 inches wide, at 49c; good value for 95c.
20 pieces French Gingham in Stripes and Plaids, at 18c; worth 45c.
200 pieces Domestic Dress Gingham at 8 1/2c; worth 12 1/2c.
White Bed Spreads at 49c, 59c, 69c, 79c and 89c; worth just double.
For this last week's sale we will place on our counters stupendous bargains in Towels, Napkins and Table Linens, overshadowing all of our past offerings.
To housekeepers: We have some 40 sets of Table Linen, consisting of a full-size Double Damask, colored bordered, all linen White Table Cloth, fringed, and one dozen Napkins to match, which we will sell at \$5.95. Like goods has never been sold for less than \$7.50.
14 bales Crash at 30c per yard; warranted all cotton.
The balance of our stock of Sateens, Challies, Nainsooks, Jaconets, Piques and Batistes will be closed out at any price. Only a few pieces of these goods left.
Jerseys at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50; all half former price.
Lace Curtains at 40, 75c, 85c and \$1; all sweeping bargains.
We have some 75 Trimmed Hats that you can buy for 95c to \$1.75; worth \$3, \$4 and \$5. Sun Umbrellas at 89c. Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear reduced.

PHILADELPHIA STORE,

6 & 8 West Washington Street.

W. T. WILEY & CO

48 and 50 North Illinois Street.

Great Slaughter in Prices of Summer Goods

Commencing Monday morning we will offer our entire stock of Summer Goods at about half their actual value. Economical buyers should call at our store Monday morning and examine our goods and prices.

SATEENS.

Best French Sateens, including all the latest novelties, only 19c per yard; worth 35c and 40c.
Best American Sateens, only 5, 8, 10 and 12 1/2c per yard; see them.

SILKS.

You will find displayed an our dress goods counter (Monday morning), 25 pieces, 22 in India Silks in the latest designs and colorings; we must close them Monday and will make the price only 35c per yard; worth from 75c to \$1.25.

DRESS GOODS.

36 inch wool cloth, only 25c per yard; worth 40c.
40 inch all wool, only 35c per yard; worth 60c.
Black Cashmeres and black Henrietta Cloths at special prices. See them Monday.
25 pieces, 54 inch cloth, (all wool), only 50c per yard; worth 85c.
See our 46 inch Henrietta Cloths, in all new shades, only 55c per yard; worth \$1.25.

PARASOLS.

500 Parasols to be sold this week. See our prices.

UNDERWEAR.

50 dozen Ladies Fine Jersey Ribbed Vests, only 10 and 12 1/2c; worth double.
Ladies' Muslin Underwear at reduced prices.
Gent's Gauze Shirts, only 15c; worth 35c.
Gent's Tennis Cloth Shirts, only 55c; worth 90c.
1000 Wash Caps, Lawns, Batiste, Mulls and French Gingham to be closed out this week. See our prices.
Money saved by visiting our store Monday.

W. T. WILEY & CO

Nos. 48 & 50 North Illinois Street.

Open Monday night until 10 o'clock.

WILL BE CONTINUED THIS WEEK.

THE GREAT

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

By order of the court, consisting of the large and elegant stock of

HATS, CAPS,

— AND —

FURNISHING GOODS,

Being the entire stock of Ryan, the Hatter, opened yesterday, and drew great numbers of purchasers, who were well pleased with the "away down" prices. Great bargains in Furnishing Goods. If you want a \$5 Hat for \$2.50 attend this sale. Come and get bargains in Furnishing Goods, Silk Umbrellas, etc.

P. H. McNELIS, Assignee.

This Stock must be sold.